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SO,
ELIJAH KNIGHT
OF DARV...

THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE NATURALLY MADE.

ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS METAL SHELTER?

I CONJURED IT JUST AS THE CAVERN CAVED IN.

I THINK THE ELDERWOOD GUARDIAN'S BODY WAS SUPPORTING THE ENTIRE CAVE.

HMMM... EVEN IF
YOU ARE A DEVIANT,
I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT
IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE TO
MANIPULATE EXISTING METAL,

NOT CREATE OR
CONJURE IT.

THAT IS, ASSUMING YOU ARE A DWARF.

SO MUCH FOR KEEPING SECRETS, EH?

CHUCKLE

TELL ME

TELL ME ABOUT IT.

HMMM...

HOW ABOUT
THIS...

I'LL TELL YOU
IF YOU TELL ME
WHAT YOU DID BACK
THERE AS WELL.

YOUR HAIR
TURNED WHITE!

AND THERE WERE THESE SHINING SYMBOLS THAT APPEARED ON YOUR BODY?!

AND YOUR EYES! YOUR EYES WERE GLOWING PURPLE TOO!

F-FINE...
I'LL TELL YOU
ABOUT THAT.

WELL,
FOR ONE THING,
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT
YOUR SUSPICIONS.

WHILE I WAS RAISED
IN THE KINGDOM OF DARV,
I'M NOT SURE WHERE
I ORIGINALLY
CAME FROM.

ELDER RAHDEAS,
WHO HAS TAKEN CARE OF ME
SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, ALWAYS
AVOIDED THE SUBJECT OF
MY PARENTS...

AND MY ONLY
MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD
COME IN THESE CONFUSING
AND PAINFUL FLASHES.

STILL,
I WAS LIVING A FAIRLY NORMAL LIFE UNTIL I BROKE INTO THE DARK ORANGE STAGE.

AFTER THIS WEIRD SURGE OF ENERGY, I BLACKED OUT.

WHEN I CAME TO,

I WAS SURROUNDED BY THESE BLACK SPIKES OF METAL.

AND AFTER THAT HAPPENED, ELDER RAHDEAS TOLD ME THAT IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE AND EXPLORE THE REST OF DICATHEN.

WITHOUT EVEN TELLING ME WHY.

IT ALL HAPPENED
SO SUDDENLY,

AND IT DOESN'T
HELP THAT I SOMETIMES
GET THIS FEELING

BUT THIS...! SUDDEN!

IT FEELS LIKE
THIS ITCH THAT I CAN'T
QUITE SCRATCH.

TREMBLE

BUT I KNOW
IT HAS TO DO WITH
MY POWERS AND WHERE
I CAME FROM.

NOOO

THAT FISH IS NO GOOD, ARTHUR...
THIS ONE IS TASTIER...

CHUCKLE

MY BAD.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO TURN THIS INTO SOME WEIRD EMOTIONAL CONFESSION.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

SO WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

I'M A QUADRA-ELEMENTAL AUGMENTER WITH TWO DEVIANCES--

ICE AND LIGHTNING.

HOLY--
THUD
OUCH!

I THOUGHT I WAS A FREAK,
BUT I GUESS YOU WIN.

WAIT, BUT WHAT WAS WITH THOSE MARKINGS AND COLOR CHANGE?

I'M ALSO A BEAST TAMER.

HE

HE

WHAT YOU SAW BACK THERE WAS ME RELEASING MY BEAST WILL.

BEAST WILL?! WAIT... HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I TURNED ELEVEN A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.

HEY!
I'M OLDER
THAN YOU!

I TURN TWELVE
IN A FEW MONTHS!

BUT I GUESS
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING
I SHOULD BE PROUD
ABOUT...

PFF

PFFT

SPURT!

YOUR FACE!

YOU LOOKED EVEN WEIRDER!

UGH

ARE YOU OKAY?

I'M... FINE.

OH,
JASMINE!

YOU'RE
AWA--

I'M SORRY.

SOB
SOB

I'M SO SORRY...

IT'S OKAY.

PAT

I'M FINE, JASMINE.

IT'S NOT OKAY!

I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU AGAIN!

I WAS THE ONE BEING STUBBORN BACK THERE...

I SHOULD BE SORRY FOR
DRAGGING YOU INTO
THIS MESS WITH ME.

...HAS SHE ALWAYS BEEN THIS SMALL?

UGH!

YOUR
INJURIES!

ELIJAH,
YOU STILL HAVE
OUR BAGS,
RIGHT?

Y-YES!

I HAVE AN EMERGENCY
MED KIT IN MY BAG.

IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH
TO TREAT YOU BOTH.

CUT

THANKS,
BOTH OF YOU.

I FEEL A BIT BETTER
ALREADY.

NOW
THEN...

IT'S ABOUT TIME
WE HEAD BACK HOME.

I-I think that's a little too much, Jasmine.

KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS ON INSTAGRAM!

@turtleme93

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SIGN UP ON TAPAS APP USING MY INVITE CODE:

'KYUN663T'

SO THAT I CAN UPLOAD MORE CHAPTERS FASTER FOR THIS AND OTHER SERIES.
EVERY BIT COUNTS <3

**(TO THOSE WHO ALREADY SIGNED UP, THANK YOU!!
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